



Zero Waste Arlington August 2021 Minutes

Date: August 26, 2021

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Location: zoom meetings (online)

Attendees

ZWA Members: Charlotte Milan, Larry Slotnick, Sarah Kmetz, Meghan Correa, Jim Ballin, Paul Goldberg, Emily Dertz, Scott Mullen.

Guests - Jeff Timperi, James McSweeney, Monica Adler, Jeremy Marin, Jennifer Campbell

Minutes

Read *Land Acknowledgement*

"We acknowledge that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusetts Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusetts territories today."

1. Recycling Coordinator update - Charlotte
 - a. Swap shed - every Thursday through Sept. most recent was lightly attended, hopefully through Oct (5-7pm, park at 422 Summer St, no appointment necessary)
 - b. Doing upcoming class Oct 5 (Arlington Community Education \$15): goals for home, work and the community
 - i. Regional and nationally what is being done
 - c. New trash program - starting July 2022
 - d. Applied for Grant - Mass DEP. Didn't receive grant but could re-apply with feedback
 - e. Hiring part time DPW compliance person utilizing Town funds
2. Intros of everyone in attendance
 - a. Jeff - project manager, grants
 - b. Jenn - help with plastics
 - c. James McSweeney - consultant, NE area, food scrap and composting
 - i. Processing side (not so much hauling).

ii. Compost Technical Services

d. Monica Adler

3. Vote on new committee members. Larry proposed, Jim and Emily said a few words
 - a. voted in unanimous: Scott, Paul, Emily, Meghan, Jim, Larry, Sarah
 - b. new members: Jennifer Campbell and Jeff Timperi
4. Approve June 2021 meeting minutes
5. Next Earth to Arlington webinar
 - a. Date: late September
 - b. Topic: Reduce and Reuse
 - c. Tie in swap shed and recycling center? High school person as a panelist?
 - d. Larry to reach out to 1 panelist - Erin Victor, Env. Analyst - Reuse Specialist, Mass DEP Municipal Waste Reduction Branch
erin.victor@state.ma.us . Webinar committee also talking to hyper-local business people.
6. *No Plastics, Please* update
 - a. Shared doc: goals, objectives, action items
 - b. Discussed progress, asking for help for specific tasks
 - c. To Paul, from James: That would be great Paul, I was excited when I saw your email. Is there a contact list for this group? - my email is ourecology@gmail.com
7. ZWA website creation discussion
 - a. help: Sarah, Monica, Priya?
 - b. Larry to send an email about the project. He suggested that 1/3 of our 2021-22 budget be allocated to development of the website. No vote taken.
8. *"Remembrance of Climate Futures"* project and intern update
 - a. High school intern-driven project, with artist Thomas Starr. Artist creates markers (8in diameter aluminum discs), mounted on post see here:
<https://www.untoldpossibilities.org/remembranceofclimatefutures>
 - b. Messaging: can be either foreboding and upbeat
 - c. Our two interns couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Priya and Larry met with them earlier and provided a few suggestions for Arlington markers